



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Attorney Docket No: Q61877

Francesco FERRAIOLI

Appln. No.: 097/27591

Group Art Unit: 3673

Confirmation No.: 3655

Examiner: M Safavi

Filed: December 4, 2000

For: A PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF A PROTECTING AND IMMOBILIZING ELEMENT OF THE MATTRESS-LIKE TYPE, AND ELEMENT SO OBTAINED

ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of September 19, 2002 applicant hereby elects without traverse the invention of claims 1-7 inclusive directed to a process for the manufacture of a protecting and immobilizing element of the mattress-like type.

With respect to the Election of Species Requirement applicant hereby elects without traverse the species disclosed in figure 7 and additionally the species shown in figure 8 for the prosecution on the merits. The claims readable on the elected species and the subspecies in addition to generic claim 1 are claims 2-5 inclusive.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert V. Sloan".

Robert V. Sloan
Registration No. 22,775

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037-3213
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

Date: October 18, 2002

#6
Election
10/29/02
RECEIVED
OCT 22 2002
GROUP 3600